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Report Highlights:

This report summarizes a proposed amendment to the "Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules," (PFA) which pertains to the use of various food additives in food products. This proposed amendment, dated January 19, 2006, was posted to the Ministry of Health website around February 21, 2006, and has not been notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a proposed amendment to the "Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules," which pertains to the use of Acesulfame Potassium, Sucralose, Di-Sodium 5 – Inosinate, and Sodium hexa meta phosphate in certain processed food products. This proposed amendment was posted to the Ministry of Health website around February 21, 2006, and has not been notified to the WTO.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural exports to India.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Important Dates:

Publication Date: January 19, 2006

**Time period for receiving
Comments/suggestions:** Sixty days from the date of publication March 20, 2006

Products Affected: Processed food products

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

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Proposed Changes:

- a) The use of Acesulfame Potassium in ready to serve tea and coffee based beverages set at 600 ppm, and ice lollies/ice candy at 800 ppm.
- b) Establishes permissible limit for sucralose in ready to serve tea and coffee based beverages, ice lollies/ice candy, vegetable juice, vegetable nectar, concentrates for vegetable juice and vegetable nectar.
- c) Restricts sale of food products wherein artificial sweetener is permitted under the PFA Rules only to packaged food as per prescribed labeling requirements.
- d) Establishes permissible limit for sodium hexa meta phosphate at 1000 ppm in carbonated water.

The full notification can be accessed at: <http://www.mohfw.nic.in/27.pdf>

For more information, visit the Ministry of Health website at: www.mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm

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